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1. THURSDAY PM MIN-COUNS ATTENDED FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR BRAZILIAN COUNSELOR BRITO. IN ATTENDANCE WERE AMBASSADORIAL AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPS OF INDIA, ARGENTINA, UK, PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO, ALGERIA AND EGYPT. IN COURSE OF LUNCHEON USG SURFACED PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY GROUP OF 77 IN CRP-1. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS PEJORATIVE DETAIL IN CRP-1 AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2 WHICH WENT A LONG WAY TOWARD PRE-JUDGING NATURE AND CONCLUSIONS OF IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF REBUTTING THE INDIVIDUAL REASONS FOR THE SUB-ITEMS AND THAT A CONTINUED REPLAY OF BOILER-PLATE IN REFTEL WITH NOTHING ELSE WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. AFTER SOME 45 MINUTES OF DISCUSSION, MIN-COUNS SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR DEVELOPING AN AGREEMENT UPON MODUS OPERANDI FOR DEALING WITH THE BROAD SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND/OR COMMODITIES, ADJUSTMENTS IN THE

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MONETARY SYSTEM AND THE FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT. SUCH

AGREEMENT MIGHT BE TO PREPARE A RES OR DECISION WHICH WOULD NOTE THE SEVERAL INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AND INITIATED IN RECENT WEEKS, TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ON-GOING MTN AND THE NEW PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION OF COMMODITIES MADE BY THE SECY IN PARIS. IN THE COURSE OF THE PREAMBULAR SECTIONS TO SUCH A RES THERE WOULD BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERS TO PRONOUNCE THEMSELVES AND HOPEFULLY AGREE UPON BROAD POLITICAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION AND INTERDEPENDENCE BUT STOP SHORT OF THE DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF PRECIPITATING A CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE.

2. TO OUR SURPRISE THERE WAS A LARGE AREA OF AGREEMENT THAT SUCH A TACTIC MIGHT BE WORKABLE PROVIDED THE DRAFT AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE NOT CONCEIVED BY THE US AND PERCEIVED BY OTHERS AS PURELY PRECEDURAL. THE PAKISTANI AND YUGOSLAV, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME INDICATION OF THE OBJECTIVES TO BE PURSUED AND SOME INDICATED OF GUIDELINES WHICH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BEAR IN MIND IN FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCES IN RE THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. A NUMBER OF ATTENDEES URGED THE US TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PREPARING AN ILLUSTRATIVE PAPER WHICH COULD BE EXAMINED BY OTHERS, INCLUDING THE GROUP OF 27, AND POSSIBLY BECOME THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO DELIMIT THE ROLE OF THE GA IN TRADE AND MONETARY TALKS AND YET SATISFY REQUIREMENT OF G-77 THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE OVERALL VIEW.

4. AT LUNCH FRIDAY, JUNE 6, UK ECON REP MACKENZIE INFORMED AMB FERGUSON THAT MIN-COUNS KITCHEN'S VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF A PROCEDURAL CHAPEAU FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION HAD HAD STUNNING EFFECT BOTH ON NON-ALIGNED AND ON DCS PRESENT. MACKENZIE INDICATED UK MIGHT WELL BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL WHICH FITS IN WITH THEIR "TIER APPROACH", SUBJECT TO SEEING SOMETHING IN WRITING. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT FASLA, MIN-CONUS ALGERIAN MISSION (AND ALSO SECRETARY OF NY NON-ALIGNED GROUP

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PREPARING FOR LIMA FON MIN NAG CONFERENCE), HAD INDICATED HE WAS CHANGING DESCRIBING OF "SCOPE") OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION "AS REVIEWING ALL PREPARATORY WORK AND DIRECTING OTHER ORGANS TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7TH SPECIAL SESSION DETERMINATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES."

5. SUBSEQUENTLY TO FOREGOING, MISOFFS LEARNED THAT PATEL (UNDP) AND DUBEY (SEC) HAD BEEN URGING

ESSENTIALLY SAME TACTIC ON FASLA. IN FACT, WE INFORMED
DUBEY IS AUTHOR OF THE REVISED DRAFT DESCRIBED TO
FERGUSON BY MACKENZIE.
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